

LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT

Issues instructions for checking up of Vacant Sites in villages by the Village Panchayets.

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Letter No. C. 3. 1567-51, dated 1st November 1951, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, requesting orders to the effect that the village Panchayets should check up the measurements and checkbandi of Government unoccupied sites and be required to make a certificate of having done so in the concerned register.

2. Un-official Note No. R.D.R. 7. 1814—51-52, dated 28th October, 1952, from the Commissioner for Local Self-Government, on the subject.

ORDER No. L. B. 9204-14—V.P. 61-52-2, DATED BANGALORE,
THE 31ST DECEMBER 1952.

Sites are being disposed of by the Revenue Department out of unoccupied Government land in gramathanas of villages for building purposes. The Village Panchayets also forward proposals for the acquisition of lands for providing building sites to the villagers. For the scrutiny of the need for compulsory acquisition of lands, a correct estimate of the extent of land available for disposal is necessary and the Village Panchayets should also be in possession of information of the kind having regard to the fact that immediately after the disposal of the sites as occupancies, they are subject to the payment of assessment to the Village Panchayet.

The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore has also brought to notice that in a number of cases where sites are disposed of on the ground that they are unoccupied and belong to Government, plea of private ownership in respect of such lands is set up by the appellants and a proper adjudication of the rival claims involves a thorough enquiry and prolonged correspondence and even then there are contributory causes which render it difficult to obtain clear and positive evidence.

With a view to avoiding these difficulties and facilitating the quick and easy disposal of building sites, it is directed that the Village Panchayet should be requested to examine and review at least once a year all the entries of village accounts relating to houses and sites and specially check up the measurements and checkbandi of the Government unoccupied sites. After this examination is done, the Chairman of the Village Panchayet with at least three members of the Village Panchayet and six leading persons of the village should record a certificate in the concerned register.

The Deputy Commissioners of Districts are requested to issue instructions to have the above check properly effected and instruct the Local Officers to see that the instructions are properly carried out during their tours, inspections and at the time of jamabandi.

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